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DR. M'KOIN FLAYS GOVERNOR PARKER

Former Mayor of Mer Rouge Arrest ted in Baltimore

CHARGED WITH MURDER

Louisiana Executive Is Defender of Bootleggers, Is Claim

Baltimore, Dec. 26.—Dr. B. M. Mc-Koin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., who is wanted there in con-nection with the Morchouse Parish kidnappings and the finding of two mutilated bodies in Lake La Fourche, was arrested here today at the Johns Hopkins University—Brady Institute—where he is taking a post-graduate course. The arrest followed receipt of a telegram from Governor John M. Parker of Louisiana requesting the local police to arrest McKoin on a

other than requesting the local authorities to arrest McKoin there was nothing contained in Governor Parker's telegram. It read:
"Important. Arrest Dr. McKoin for murder. Hold him for Louisiana authorities."

Dr. McKoin denied knowledge of the killing of the two men. "All I know," he declared, "is that both me nkilled were on the bad side—the side of bootleggers, gunmen and the side of bootleggers, gunmen and men who associated with negro wo-men."

men."

Purely by Surprise
The discovery of Dr. McKoin here and his subsequent arrest came about purely by accident. Word was received here several days ago that Dr. McKoin was a student at Johns Hopkins and Department of Justice agents sought to question him. However, university officials denied McKoin was registered as a post-graduate, and stated several letters had been received ther, but post-graduate, and stated several letters had been received ther, but unable to locate him, the letters were turned over to the postoffice department as "unknown."

Early today a policeman was found on the water front unconscious. He was removed to a begintal When the

on the water front unconscious. He was removed to a hospital. When the hospital report reached police head-quarters it was signed by Dr. Mc-Koin. It was then that local news-papersmen rushed to the hospital and interviewed him. Up to that time the telegram from Governor Parker ask-page for his arrest had not heave receiving for his arrest had not heave received. ing for his arrest had not been received. Dr. McKoin spoke freely and in-

sisted he was not a fugitive from justice, and that he had made no attempt to conceal his identity.

He stated he has been in Beltimore since October 1, and had left Mer Rouge after an attempt had been made to assassinate him.

Not Member of Klan

Dr. McKoin insisted he was not a member of the Ku Klux Klan: He praised the organization, however, saying the members "did much to hold down brotlegging and immorality, while I was mayor of Mer Royge", He also extend that level. morality, while I was mayor of me.
Rouge." He also stated that lawlessness is a common occurrence and that he was who started to clean up the place. The result, he said, was a hard battle with bootleg-gers, moonshiners and men of bad

repute.
"Just before I left Mer Rouge shot good family was shot in What did the sheriff and do? The case was dis-Governor do? Governor do? The case was dis-missed after a jury filled with bootleggers and the vicious element de-clared the alleged murderer inno-

eart.
"Now, however, when a bootlegger and some one else is killed, the Governor joins in the investigation This affair, in my opinion, will decide whether the decent and good element of the town will control."

Dr. McKoin stated he had ceived threatening letters a time before he left Mer Rouge asked the sheriff to investig without success. "Just as I long to investigate asked the sheriff to investigate without success. "Just as I left the mayorship and the successful candidate went into office," he continued, "gangs that paraded the streets fired shots around my house. I asked the sheriff to take matters in hand, but nothing was done."

HEARD ON ISLAND OF MAUN

Honolulu, Dec. 26 .- Musical Honolulu, Dec. 26.—Musical selections, broadcast by station WSB, of Atlanta, Ga., December 15 and 16, were heard distinctly at Wailuku, Island of Maun, according to advices just received here. A. F. Losta, postmaster at Wailuku, operated the amateur set that picked up the signals.

SEVERAL PERSONS SHOT

Darlington, Dec. 26.—One negro man was shot to death, another negro had his finger chopped off by an axe, a small negor girl was accidentally shot, when a shot gun fell from a wagon and another negor man was ac-cidentally shot in the leg by one of his friends during the holidays just

WILL WE TRY FOR ONE OF THESE FARMS?

Gable, S. C., Dec. 6th, 1922. Mr. Harvie Jordan, Secty. Cotton Growers Association,

St. Matthews, S. C.

I noticed a report of your speech in Charlotte, N. C. about two weeks ago, in which you said: "It is only a question of time when the boll weevil will eventually destroy the cotton crop, unless systematic, concerted action is taken by the farmers to pre-vent it, even if they have to be forced

into it by law."

I also noticed an article in last Sunday's State, from which it appears that the Agriculture Department in Bulletin No. 1111 advises community

organization in gin units.
In today's paper a report of the Memphis meeting in which Mr. Hunter said: "An individual farmer who charge of murder.

After questioning by police officials Dr. McKoin was locked up to
await further action by Louisiana
authorities.

Other than requesting the local

sirable."
I thought about a year ago that I saw the same thing Mr. Hunter says, as quoted above, and ran a page advertisement in the Manning Times, calling for a meeting of the farmers in our community May 13th. We are in our community May 13th. We are enclosing circular distributed at that time, also copy of a report of the meeting.

As we were rather late in getting started last year, we did not accomplish as much as we hoped to.

If after reading this circular you are enough interested to attend a revival meeting of this organization and will advise about when it would suit to come we will aware for the you to come, we will arrange for a meeting. The farmers at Summerton were called together last week for the purpose of forming a similar organization, and those present at the first meeting appointed a committee to arrange for the second meeting, at which time the Association will prob-

which time the Association will probably be formed.

I have talked with quite a number of farmers in the neighborhood of Bishopville, and they are ready for a similar organization. One of the Lee County farmers remarked to me a few days ago, that he did not dread the wintered over weavil and the wintered over weavil and the second over weavil and the wintered over the control of the control the wintered over weevil any more, he could take care of him, but the mi-

gratory weevil is what he dreads.

An organization of this kind would go a long ways toward solving the problem of community planting one kind of seed, planting at a given time, all nicking of the problem. all picking at the same time, and all destroying the stalks at the same

Will you help us?

Very truly yours,

C. C. Christal.

If you will write to me about the first of January, stating what time during that month or February you would prefer to have your county meeting in regard, to these matters, I will make my arrangements to com-ply with your invitation and be with you on that occasion. It is our pur-pose to do everything possible during the coming season to render every valuable aid to the farmers in the South Atlantic and Middle Gulf States to enable them to overcome the wee-vil and prevent the migratory flight of the insect which destroys the crop each season in heavily infested sec

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I am,

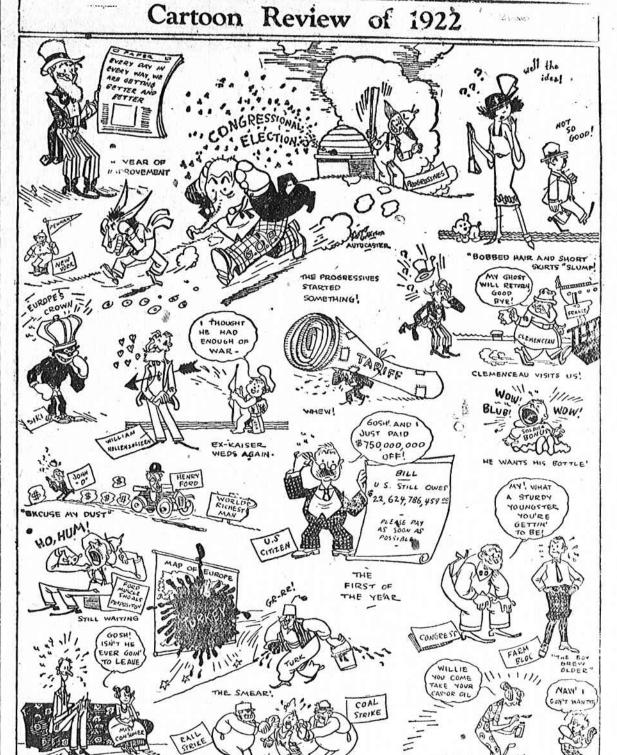
Very truly yours, ed) Harvie Jordan, (signed) Secretary, American Cotton Association.

Gable, S. C., Dec. 23, 1922. Mr. Shope, Dear Sir:

I am enclosing copy of letter just

It appears probable that we can get one of these 400 Demonstration farms for Clarendon County, if we

try.
Will you assist in forming a County organization for the purpose of combating the weevil and trying to bring



or 20th, and would be pleased to hear

this movement at once and get out and interview the people and see just what date they want the meeting Mr. Christal will gladly furnish all the help that he can. hear from some one tomorrow.

WORKING ON HIGHWAYS

Columbia, Dec. 26.—Highways throughout South Carolina are rapidly being put in shape for first-class travel following cessation of the gen-eral rains last Friday, it was announ-ced at the office of the State High-way Commission here today. Mainten ance gangs and patrolmen are busy and it is expected that every mile of State road under maintenance will have been gone over by Wednesday. The commission gave out this

The commission gave out this statement, headed "Highways Now in Better Condition."

"The State Highway Department announced this morning that since the cessation of rains Friday the the cessation of rains Friday the State highways are being rapidly whipped back into shape. The maintenance gangs and patrolmen over the State are now busy and it is expected that practically overy mile of State road under maintenance will have been machined or dragged by tomorrow.

THE PUBLIC GOT

The above three letters have been received from Mr. C. C. Christal of the first of Jamuary and February, and form some concrete organization at once the first of Jamuary and February and form some concrete organization farms in 400 country demonstration farm in your country to be planted, cultivated, but the farmers of your country to be planted, cultivated, but the defent of the 400 country demonstration farms in 400 country demonstration farms in 400 country demonstration farm in your country to be planted, cultivated, but the defent of the 400 country demonstration farm in your country to be planted, cultivated, but the defent of the 400 country demonstration farm in your country to be planted, cultivated, but the demonstration farm in your country to be planted, cultivated, but the demonstration farm in your country to be planted, cultivated, but the demonstration farm in your country to be planted to the farms of your country to be planted, cultivated, but the demonstration farm in your country to be planted to

town bought for the fire wagon, and who for years and years performed the duties as a fire horse, was burned to death. In fact, both of the town horses were lost in the fire. We haven't as yet been able to ascertain from Mr. Thomas how many of his horses and mules were bur.ed, but it is supposed there were about twenty-

contents. Mr. Thomas had \$4,000 on all of his things including the building. Thomas' loss is something like ing. Thoma \$35,000 net.

FUEL BOSS WILL QUIT

Washington, Dec. 26.—Conrad Spens prepared his resignation day as federal fuel distributor for transmission tomorrow to President harding to become effective January 1. Along with it will go a brief report on the work of the emergency office, which was established September 22, after the conclusion of the coal strikes Mr. clusion of the coal strikes. Spens will return to his former post as vice president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, with headquarters at Chicago."

It is considered probable that the

will you assist in forming a County of his friends during the holidays just passed.

AUTOMOBILE IS BLAMED

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The automobile caused a higher number of sudden and violent deaths in Chicago and Cook county during the past year than any ofther agency, according to a report of the corner's office made public today.

Will you assist in forming a County organization for the purpose of combattering a County of the purpose of combattering and trying to bring Clarendon back to pre-boll weevil and trying to pre-boll weevil conditions—48,000 bales?

Would you like to have Mr. Harvie Jordan, Secretary of the American Cotton Association with us at the organization meeting?

Where should the meeting be held and when? I favor meeting at the corner's office made public today.

Will you assist in forming a County of the purpose of combating to bring the purpose of combating to bring the purpose of combating to bring the purpose of combating the purpose of combating the purpose of combating to bring the purpose of combating to bring the weevil and trying to bring the weevil and trying to bring Clarendon back to pre-boll weevil can especial difficulty on the State roads after today except that the distribution offices will be State roads after today except that the Washington-Atlanta high-way through Chestorfield County; traffic should detour by Hartsville and Bishopville. Through traffic day through an organization will be vary trough Chestorfield County; traffic should detour by Hartsville and Bishopville. Through traffic day through the detour by Hartsville and Greenwood will be conditions—48,000 bales?

Where should the meeting be held and when? I favor meeting at the Piedmont, Belton and Donalds."

ings are being constructed in many sections of the county.

The money now in course is ing spent includes a bond issue for \$2,500,000 authorized by direct vote of the people for roads and one for \$500,000 voted by the county legislative delegation. It is mated that to this \$3,000,0000 fund will be added \$500,000 from State and federal funds. Besides this The Manning Drug Store, which was in this building was destroyed. There was \$2,000 insurance on the contents. Mr. Thomas had \$1000 for approaches to the bridge and the contents. Besides

proaches to the bridge and \$15,000 for machinery and equipment for building the Oswego highway.

The city of Sumter has just spent \$700,000 for the purchase of the old privately owned electric light and ice plant and the building of the product of the old privately of the building of the product of the building of the bu a modern plant; a bond issue of \$250,000 was voted on September 12, for street and sidewalk work; 12, for street and sidewalk work; \$25,000 has been donated by fifty citizens for establishing the Me-morial Park to World War vet-erans; \$20,000 for modernizing and motorizing the fire department; \$15,000 for dowtnown street light-ing; \$75,000 for extension and en-larging of the water mains, estabtem, a public nursing service and motorizing of the various services, and \$30,000 for erection of a modern chettein. ern abattoir.

The county, according to Mr. Reardon, has adopted the slogan "never say die—to—with the boll weevil;" and is planning its work so it will be independent of cotton in the future.

Many foolish persons add to the burden of tomorrow before they are called upon to bear it. We can all increase our worries; it is as simple and surely better, to lessen them. Many foolish persons add to the

SHIPS BATTERED BY FIERCE STORMS

Fourteen Vessels Enter New York Badly Scarred

FIVE VESSELS OVERDUE

Skippers Report Vicious Never-Ending Battles With Lashing Hurricane

New York, Dec. 26.—Battered and scarred by heavy weather, fourteen ships plowed slowly into quarantine from early morning until late afternoon today, the skippers of them all reporting a vicious neverending battle with a series of lashing hurricanes which seemed to shake the Atlantic to the bottom.

One ship—the gigantic new liner Caronia—put in at Halifax because she was steadily losing her fight with the storm. Another liner reported to her owners that she would be two days late. A third flashed in with a report that she couldn't reach New York until tomorrow, although she has apparently gone safely through most of the storm.

The center of the storms which have been ruling the waves for the last three weeks, appeared to be about 1,000 miles off the European coast. Skippers of the liners said they crashed int othem at this port and fought.

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Skippers of the liners said they crashed int othem at this port and fought steadily through terrific gales until within 500 miles of the United States.

All Are Battered

All of the ships which came into quarantine today were freighters. Some of the mhad parts of the bridges gone. Small boats on their decks were crushed and torn. In decks were crushed and torn. In one or two instances hatches were

one or two instances hatches were pounded in, and all of them reported their crews had been in oil skins almost steadily for from five to fourteen days.

Even with fourteen ships reporting in, quarantine did not have as many as were expected. Five ships, including La Savoie, were overdue. La Savoie reported she would be in Thursday but the owners heard nothing from the Lord Byron, the Eastern City and the York Castle, all of which were expected at their docks today. The President Monroe will arrive tomorrow. Cable and wireless messages told of the ravages on the European side. Falmouth, England, reported three ships had put in there with broken machinery and another went to St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, her engines also damaged.

The Belgian steamship Londoner, going to Norfolk. Va. hed to stern

The Belgian steamship Londoner, going to Norfolk, Va., had to stop in Queenstown for repairs. Halifax reported that the Norwegian freighter Lorentz W. Hanson, which sailed from Swansea, Wales, December 14, with a load of coal, had been forced to put back to Liverpool, leaking and with her bridge swept

One Death Detroit, Dec. 26.—Poisonous liquor obtained over the Christmas holidays was declared by the police today to have been responsible for one death and the illness of more than a score of persons here. From Saturday night until this morning, twenty-three persons declared to have partaken of poisonous whiskey were admitted to hospitals.

WILL DISCUSS TRAFFIC

Washington, Dec. 26 .- A conference of representatives of steam-ship lines in the Gulf, South At-lantic and North Atlantic districts will be held January 15 to discuss traffic matters with a view of revising any discrepancies and con-tinuing their harmonious relations, ne Shipping Board andounced to

Representatives of foreign flag lines as wel las of American opera-tors have been invited to attend the conference, which, it was said, prably will be held at Atlantic City.

MISS WILLIAMS TO RESIGN

Memphis, Dec. 26.—Miss Charl Williams, of Memphis, on January 1 will resign as vice chairman of the Democratic national committee and as the woman representative from Tennessee on that committee,

ber of the committee since 1918 and shairman since 1920. She said vice chairman since 1920. S she had found it impossible